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SUMMARY: SHAH APPROVED OCTOBER 7 LONG-HERALDED CHANGES AT OSTAN (PROVINCE) LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. FIVE NEW OSTANS CREATED FROM FORMER GOVERNORATES-GENERAL AND FIVE ADDITIONAL NEW GOVERNORS-GENERAL (OSTANFIRS) AND ONE NEW CHIEF-GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PARTIAL REALIZATION OF PROVINCIAL REORGANIZATION SCHEME WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER STUDY FOR SOME TIME, GOI AMNOUNCED OCTOBER 7 THAT CHIEF-GOVERNORATES (FARMANDAR-E-KOL) OF CHAHAR MAHAL-E-BAKTIARI, ZANJAN, LORESTAN, BUSHEHR AND YAZD HAVE BEEN ELEVATED TO PROVINCE STATUS. GOVERNORS-GENERAL OF THE NEW PROVINCES ARE:

A. ABDOLLAH SINA - YAZD, FORMER CHIEF-GOVERNOR OF YAZD WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN MIN INTERIOR. AN MD FROM TEHRAN UNIVERSITY.

B. MOSTAFA HEYDAYATI - ZANJAN, FORMERLY SERVED IN SENIOR POSITION IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND AS AN UNDERSECRETARY IN MIN HEALTH.

C. ATAOLLAH MO'TADEL - CHANHAR MAHAL-E-BAKTAIRI; NO BIO DATA AVAILABLE.

D. EHSAN HAQIQI - BUSHEHR, PROMOTED FROM CHIEF-GOVERNOR OF

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BUSHEHR, A FORMER SPECIAL INSPECTOR IN PRIME TJNISTER'S OFFICE.

E. AMIR HOSSEIN AMIR-PARVIZ - LORESTAN, GRADUATE OF UNIV OF MINNESOTA IN AGRICULTURE AND A LEADING LAND REFORM EXPERT.

2. OTHER NEWLY-APPOINTED GOVERNORS-GENERAL INCLUDE:

- A. EZZATOLLAH TIRANDAZ - KERMEN, AN URBAN RENEWAL EXPERT.
- B. REZA SADEGHIANI - KHUZESTAN, A FORMER HEAD OF THE AGRICULTURAL BANK PRESENTLY SERVING AS UNDERSECRETARY OF MIN AGRICULTURE.
- C. ALI DAFTARIAN - CENTRAL PROVINCE (TEHRAN), A GRADUATE OF UNIV OF PARIS AND A FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLAND BUDGET ORGANIZATION.
- D. MOSTAFA DARAKHSHEH - MAZANDARAN, LONG-TIME MIN INTERIOR EMPLOYEE AND FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF KERMEN.
- E. MALEK MANSOUR ESFANDIARI - KERMANSHAHAN, YET ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE UBIQUITIOUS ESFANDIARI FAMILY; THIS ONE A LAW GRADUATE OF TEHRAN UNIV WHO HAS SERVED TWO TERMS IN MAJLES.
- E. NOSRAT MOZAFFARI - SEMNAN, A VETERAN MIN INTERIOR OFFICIAL TRANSFERRED FROM THE FORMER CHIEF-GOVERNORATE OF ZANJAN TO BE CHIEF-GOVERNOR OF SEMNAN.

COMMENTKC RESHUFFLE LEAVES IRAN WITH TWENTY PROVINCES AND FOUR CHIEF-GOVERNORATES, BUT ADDITIONAL STEPS IN PROVINCIAL REORGANIZATION PLANS ARE EXPECTED TO ELEVATE REMAINING FOUR TO PROVINCE STATUS. SOME EXISTING PROVINCES REMAIN SLATED FOR DIVISION INTO SMALLER PROVINCIAL UNITS (SEE REFTEL) AND OTHER CHANGES AMONG GOVERNORS-GENERAL ARE RUMORED FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS.
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